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COUNTRY TEAM MESSAGE

1. US PRESS REPORTS OF CIA SUPPORT FOR US GROUPS HAVE SO FAR CAUSED NO REACTION IN TANZANIA OTHER THAN TWO BRIEF PRESS STORIES. THE NATIONALIST, GOVERNMENT PARTY (TANU) ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER, RAN SMALL ITEM IN FEB 20 ISSUE TELLING OF CIA SUPPORT TO AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD AND TO SEVERAL BUSINESS-BACKED FOUNDATIONS. FEB 21 ISSUE OF NATIONALIST RAN ITEM REPORTING SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S FEB 19 APPEARANCE ON "ISSUES AND ANSWERS." STORY HAD REFERENCE TO CURRENT CIA CONTROVERSY AT END; LEAD WAS ON VIETNAM. OTHER ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER IN TANZANIA, STANDARD, HAS MADE NO REFERENCE TO ISSUE NOR HAS ENTIRE SWAHILI-LANGUAGE PRESS. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL TANZANIAN REACTION THUS FAR, EITHER PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY.

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2. WE DO NOT RPT NOT EXPECT CURRENT CONTROVERSY TO AFFECT OPERATION OF OFFICIAL USG EXCHANGE AND TRAINING PROGRAMS. AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE (AAI) MAY BE ATTACKED, BUT SUCH ATTACKS WOULD PROBABLY BE COMMUNIST RATHER THAN LOCALLY INSPIRED, SINCE THERE IS TO BE FAIRLY GENERAL LOCAL ACCEPTANCE BY KNOWLEDGABLE TANZANIANS THAT INVOLVEMENT WITH REFUGEE GROUPS, INCLUDING TANZANIAN GOVT'S OWN INVOLVEMENT, MUST OF NECESSITY INCLUDE CERTAIN LEVEL OF CLANDESTINE FINANCING AND COVERT ASSISTANCE.
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